COMMUNITY SOLAR

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In 1948, nine visionary Western Kansas residents decided to take matters into their own hands and form an electric cooperative. They were tired of being left behind by the big for-profit power companies that didn’t want to spend the money to connect rural America to the grid. And so, Wheatland Electric Cooperative was born.

- 20,000+ members
- 32,000 meters
- 14 Kansas counties and parts of 3 counties in Colorado.
GREEN SPACE TOURS NOW AVAILABLE
Sunflower was formed in 1957 by six electric distribution cooperatives serving in western Kansas.

Sunflower’s primary mission is to provide an adequate, reliable, long-term, wholesale power supply and transmission services to our seven members at the lowest possible cost consistent with sound business and cooperative principles. Our members’ territories now extend to more than 50 counties in central and western Kansas.
Sunflower takes a cost-biased approach in its utilization of electric generation resources to ensure energy is more affordable for our member cooperatives.

**RESOURCE PORTFOLIO**

**COAL**
Holcomb 1 (349 MW)

**SOLAR**
Johnson Corner Solar (20 MW)
COMING SOON:
Russel Solar (20 MW)
Fort Dodge Solar (150 MW)

**WIND**
Smoky Hills (74 MW PPA)
Shooting Star (104 MW PPA)

**NATURAL GAS**
Rubart Station (120 MW)
Fort Dodge (149 MW)
Great Bend (82 MW)
Cimarron River (50 MW)
Clifton (85 MW)
S2 (98 MW)
S4 (71 MW)
S5 (71 MW)
Johnson Corner Solar
- 20 MW AC
- COD April 2020
- Located near Johnson City, KS
- PPA
- Largest solar facility in the state of Kansas.

Sunflower Solar at Russell
- 20 MW AC
- COD planned for January 2025
- Located near Russell, KS
- Sunflower owned and operated
NRECA conducted a survey with members in January 2022.

Sunflower engaged NRCO to evaluate different community solar structures in March 2022.

NRECA presented survey results, Member Manager’s advised Sunflower to develop a program utilizing Johnson Corner in May 2022.

Sunflower & NRCO met with cooperatives with current community solar projects to gather lessons learned, recommendations, etc. in August and September 2022.

Staff developed a solution that includes a monthly solar charge as well as a monthly solar adjustment and is an economic solution when compared to traditional rooftop solar in January 2023.
Staff held one-on-one meetings with members to discuss program logistics & needs.

Pioneer Electric launched program.

Wheatland, Prairie Land, Victory, and Western have indicated Fall 2023 or later roll out of program.

Sunflower BOD approved community solar program as presented.
Data was collected through telephone and online surveying.

- 175 phone surveys
- 180 email surveys
- More than two-thirds of our membership said they would participate in a community solar project.
- Six in ten said that the financial rewards would be the most important factor in their decision to install solar panels on their property or participate in a community solar project.
- One-fifth said that helping the environment would be the most important factor.
COMING SOON!
JANUARY 2024

Solar Made Easy!
Wheatland Electric Cooperative
COMMUNITY SOLAR

- Wheatland’s power supplier, Sunflower Electric Power Corporation, generates solar energy at its Johnson Corner Solar Facility in Stanton County, Kansas.
- Residential members can choose to subscribe to Wheatland’s Community Solar program at a cost of $5/share per month. 1 share = 125 kWh or 2 solar panels.

1. Shares are limited to no more than the average of your previous 12-month electric use. If your 12-month average = 1,000 kWh, then a max of 8 shares is allowed.
2. On your electric bill, every month you will receive a solar adjustment for your solar shares, which is based on the revenues derived from the power sold into the energy market.

CONTACT US TO LEARN MORE:
- WEC.NET
- CALL YOUR LOCAL OFFICE
- Social media icons
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Community Solar requires no commitment and can save money beginning in Year 1.

Rooftop requires large initial investment or commitment to long-term financing.

Rooftop solar has estimated 20 year payback period.
## Solar Share Allocations

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<th>Residential Load Ratio Share</th>
<th>Shares Allotted</th>
<th># of Customers Able to 100% Subscribe @ 1,000 kWh</th>
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Based on 18,750 shares available for this program.
SUBSCRIPTION MODEL OVERVIEW

Community solar asset (Johnson Corner) delivers energy to the grid.

Wheatland Electric Cooperative delivers blended energy to all consumers.

Wheatland Electric Cooperative applies on-bill adjustments to Community Solar subscribers.

Subscribers pay a fixed monthly subscription payment to Wheatland Electric Cooperative.

Graphic Source: https://www.vniles.com/917/Community-Solar-Program
VALUE PROPOSITION

- No upfront investment.
- No damage to roof.
- Easy way to support renewable energy.
- Available to renters
- Monthly bill adjustments based on solar performance.
ROOFTOP SOLAR 101

Before you sign ANYTHING:

- Always contact your local utility first!
- Make sure you understand the renewable contract.
- Check with your insurance company for special considerations.
- See our link for more!

Wheatland Electric
Delivering Energy for Life
DON’T GET BURNED BY SOLAR!
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Checklist for Interconnecting a Certified Inverter-Based Small Generating Facility
for Residential Service - No Larger Than 15kW
Residential Tariff Only
Wheatland Electric must pre-approve ALL grid interconnections.

Availability: Net Metering service is available to member-generators on a first-come first-served
basis until the total generating capability of all net metering interconnections during a calendar year
equals or exceeds one percent of the Cooperative’s peak load for the previous year.

☐ Member notifies Wheatland Electric Cooperative (WEC) and sets appointment to meet
and review the application process for interconnection.

☐ Member meets with WEC to review terms and conditions, discuss possible service
upgrades needed for interconnection and receives application and Member Service Rider.
The interconnection agreement is between the member and WEC.

☐ Member sets appointment with WEC for application submission.

☐ Member returns completed application with a non-refundable application fee. The
application must be signed and the application fee paid by the Member and not a third party.

☐ WEC reviews Application with Member. Member makes Member Service Rider election
and signs Grid Access Charge Rider.*

☐ WEC issues a work order and begins internal review process.

☐ WEC approves or denies Member’s application within 30 days.
(60 days for facility installations over 10kW)

☐ If approved, WEC returns a signed copy of application to Member and outlines any
service upgrades required to accommodate new facility.

☐ WEC completes upgrade of service (if required) and invoices Member for upgrade cost.

☐ Member/electrician completes installation of small generating facility.

☐ Small generating facility is inspected by electrical inspector as required by local code.
If no inspection is required by code, inspection will be completed by WEC.

☐ Member notifies WEC installation is complete and ready for interconnecting.

☐ WEC sets time for witness test, to be completed within 10 business days of notification.

☐ WEC representative inspects Small Generating Facility, performs witness test and
completes Certificate of Completion, if appropriate. After successful witness test,
Member-owned generating facility may be connected to grid.

☐ WEC approves interconnection of small generating facility and returns signed Small
Generating Facility Certificate of Completion to Member.

☐ WEC installs detent meter and submits Net Metering tariff change for Member’s account.

☐ Member can view net metered account on Smart Hub.

*Grid Access Charge is currently suspended.
For more information, call our local Wheatland Electric office or email SunflowerElectriceco.net
QUESTIONS?

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